

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Gautvik *et al.*

Continuation of Serial No.: 08/340,664

Filed: Herewith

For: PRODUCTION OF HUMAN PARA-
THYROID HORMONE FROM
MICROORGANISMS

Prior Application:

Group Art Unit: 1646

Examiner: L. Spector

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-20, without disclaimer or prejudice thereof, and add the following claims.

21. (Amended) A composition comprising recombinant human parathyroid hormone (hPTH) (1-84), [as a substantially homogeneous protein] wherein:

(a) the hormone is resistant to degradation; and

(b) the hormone has a point mutation at amino acid 26 changing the amino acid from lysine (K26) to glutamine (Q26).

22. The composition of claim 21, wherein the composition has a hPTH (1-84) purity of at least 80%.

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